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FOR LAND LOCKED RESOLUTION

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY AFGHANISTAN,
UGANDA AND UPPER VOLTA ON THE ABOVE REFERENCED SUBMIT:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3504 (XXX) OF 15
DECEMBER 1975 BY WHICH THE ASSEMBLY DECIDED TO
ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND FOR THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES TO COMPENSATE FOR THEIR ADDITIONAL TRANSIT
AND TRANSPORT COSTS,

RECALLING ALSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/177 OF 21
DECEMBER 1976 BY WHICH THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE STATUTE
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND FOR LAND-
LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL TO CONVENE A PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE FUND,

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/113 OF
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15 DECEMBER 1977 BY WHICH THE ASSEMBLY INTER ALIA EXPRESSED
ITS CONCERN AT THE FACT THAT THE FUND HAS NOT YET BECOME
OPERATIONAL AS ENVISAGED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
31/117,

AWARE OF THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND PARTICULAR NEEDS OF
THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS RECOGNIZED BY

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,

REAFFIRMING THAT OWING TO THE DISADVANTAGED SITUATION OF THE LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEIR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS ARE AFFECTED BY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL TRANSIT, TRANSPORT AND TRANSSHIPMENT COSTS,

1. TAKES NOTE OF DECISION 25/15 ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT ITS TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO MAKE A FRESH APPEAL TO ALL THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO MAKE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND AND TO BECOME MEMBERS OF ITS BOARD OF GOVERNORS SO AS TO ENABLE THE FUND TO BECOME OPERATIONAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COMMENT: THE FRG (FOR THE EC-9) DEMANDED A VOTE TO BE CALLED ON THE RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO PERMIT THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAD NO INTENTION OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND TO MAKE THEIR POSITIONS CLEARLY KNOWN. THE RESULT OF THE VOTE WAS 32-0-11 (AUSTRIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, SWEDEN, UK AND US) AND WAS FOLLOWED BY EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE BY FRG (FOR EC-9),
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FINLAND, SWEDEN, US AND NEW ZEALAND, ALL OF WHOM INDICATED THAT THEIR PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED POSITIONS ON THE FUND HAD NOT CHANGED. THE ONLY INTERESTING ADDITION TO THE LIST OF "NORMAL" ABSTAINERS ON THIS ITEM WAS NIGERIA.
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